

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

September 18, 2019

Committee Members Present:

Joe Jax (2.5 hrs) Mike Smith (2 Hrs) Nancy Schofield (5 hrs) Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs)

Guests: John Johnson, Judy Zimmerman and Randy Eide

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording volunteer hours. Minutes of the previous meeting were handed out and were reviewed. A motion was made for approval of meeting minutes by Mike Smith, seconded by Cindy Gilberts. Motion passed.

Armur Cork Tree Removal: Ordinance Revision Status: City attorney is looking over the amendment suggestion. After approval from city attorney, the amendment will go to city council for vote to add to the city ordinance. It is recommended the Urban Forestry Board be in attendance.

Ordinance suggestions were brought up by the committee included: remove just the female trees or girdle the female trees. The committee suggested working with Chris Gaetzke when it comes time to writing the ordinance.

DNR Grant Application: Committee recommended taking a break from the DNR grant application and work on recommendations for next cycle.

2020 Budget: The committee suggested Administration remind City Council the Ash Tree project may take more funds. Motion made by Nancy Schofield to recommend a \$14,000 for 2020 budget for Urban Forestry, seconded by Cindy Gilberts. Motion passed.

Urban Forester Report:

- 1) Mike Morrow, new Forestry Technician
- 2) Pruning Update: Will be finishing North Menomonie this winter. Followed by the South East part of Menomonie.
 - a. Dutch Elm trees have been tagged
 - b. 19 Ash Trees have been marked for removal.

City Council Report: Budget for 2020 discussed. Liquor license discussion: Suspension of Duke and Dagger for 10 days. Liquor License available: Cobblestone hotel and Hampton Inn have both requested liquor license.

Items for Next Meeting Agenda:

- 1) Ordinance Review
- 2) Budget
 - a. Year to date expenses for 2019
 - b. 2020 Budget
- 3) Report on Benches (Nancy)

Next Meeting: October 16, 2019, 2 PM at the Conference Room in City Hall

Submitted by: Cortney Cole